LICENSING, ENVIRONMENT & SAFETY COMMITTEE

Meeting: 18 December 2024 At: 6.00 pm

PRESENT

Councillor Shan Alexander (Chair) in the chair; Councillor Dickie Davies (Vice-Chair); Councillors Grace Baynham, Asa Caton, Dean Fitzpatrick, Helen Foster-Grime, Dallas Jones, Pete West and David Wilson.

1. MINUTES

The minutes (copies of which had been circulated) of the meeting held on 13 November 2024 were approved as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillors and Officers were invited to declare any interest that they had in any of the items on the agenda for the meeting.

No declarations of interest were made.

3. URGENT DECISIONS

It was reported that 11 urgent decisions had been taken under the Constitution since the last meeting of the Committee.

4. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

No public questions were submitted.

5. EXCLUSION OF THE PUBLIC AND THE PUBLIC INTEREST TEST

RESOLVED – That in order to prevent the disclosure of information which was not for publication, the public be excluded from the meeting during consideration of agenda items 6-12, relating to paragraph 1 (Information relating to any individual) and paragraph 2 (Information which is likely to reveal the identity of an individual) of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972.

6. CASE NUMBER P1791 ADJOURNED FROM 13 NOVEMBER 2024

A representative of the Director of Place Management submitted a report (copies of which had been circulated) which informed the Committee of the convictions related to an existing driver and requested the Committee to consider whether the driver remained a fit and proper person to continue to hold a Private Hire driver's licence. The Committee interviewed the driver in relation to these matters.

RESOLVED – That the driver's licence be suspended for a period of two weeks.

7. CASE NUMBER P1794

A representative of the Director of Place Management submitted a report (copies of which had been circulated) which informed the Committee of the convictions related to a new driver and requested the Committee to consider whether the driver was a fit and proper person to hold a Private Hire driver's licence.

RESOLVED – That in the absence of the driver, this matter be adjourned until the next meeting of the Committee.

8. CASE NUMBER P1795

A representative of the Director of Place Management submitted a report (copies of which had been circulated) requesting the committee to consider whether the applicant was a 'fit and proper' person to hold a private hire car driver's licence in view of the applicant's previous convictions. The Committee interviewed the driver in relation to these matters.

RESOLVED – That the application be granted.

9. CASE NUMBER P1797

A representative of the Director of Place Management submitted a report (copies of which had been circulated) which informed the Committee of the convictions relating to an existing driver and requested the Committee to consider whether the driver remained a fit and proper person to continue to hold a Private Hire driver's licence. The Committee interviewed the driver in relation to these matters.

RESOLVED – That the driver's licence be revoked.

10. CASE NUMBER P1798

A representative of the Director of Place Management submitted a report (copies of which had been circulated) which informed the Committee of the convictions related to an existing driver and requested the Committee to consider whether the driver remained a fit and proper person to continue to hold a Private Hire driver's licence. The Committee interviewed the driver, in relation to these matters.

RESOLVED – That the driver's licence be suspended for a period of two weeks.

11. CASE NUMBER P1799

A representative of the Director of Place Management submitted a report (copies of which had been circulated) which informed the Committee of the convictions related to an existing driver and requested the Committee to consider whether the driver remained a fit and proper person to continue to hold a Private Hire driver's licence. The Committee interviewed the driver, who was accompanied by a relative, in relation to these matters.

RESOLVED – That no further action be taken.

12. CASE NUMBER P1800

A representative of the Director of Place Management submitted a report (copies of which had been circulated) requesting the committee to consider whether the applicant was a 'fit and proper' person to hold a private hire car driver's licence in view of the applicant's previous convictions. The Committee interviewed the driver in relation to these matters.

RESOLVED – That the application be deferred until such time as the outcome of the outstanding appeal was known.

The meeting closed at 9.15 pm